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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

HAPPY New Year to each and everyone of you. We hope you had a good Christmas Season, and those of you who attended our Christmas Party at Marc and Royan Herman's certainly had a fun evening. Only Royan would bring a miniature horse through the house for everyone to enjoy! And did you know that Albert Bresnik, personal photographer to Amelia Earhart, once sang in a Barber Shop Quartet? He added a lot of fun to the singing going on around the piano. A guest of Mal and Ceci Stratford's from Arizona had also been in a Barber Shop Quartet at one time, and was absolutely great remembering lyrics. There were lots of good friends, good food and door prizes for all. Leo Gay showed a video of the Hawthorne Air Faire showing the spectacular landing and take off of the MIG-29. Thank you Marc and Royan for hosting such a wonderful party.

We have a new year ahead of us, and a new Program Chairman - Justin Wilde. We also have a new historian, Jim Fosselman, and both he and Kay have done a beautiful job at starting a new photo album. (We may never get our old one back.) Look for it at our club meetings, and pictures to be included are welcome, both new and old.

Our January meeting should be a good one, and we look forward to seeing you there. Please remember that dues are due this month.

CURRENT EVENTS

COL. Dale "Andy" Anderson will be our speaker for the January meeting. He is a friend to many of us, and especially remembered as working with P.H "Spence" Spencer and the Air Car. He has some videos on that subject, but he also has had a varied and interesting career in the Air Force. Andy is a former test pilot from Wright Patterson Air Force Base, and at one time worked on a test program with Drones. He has a film he will show us on the Drone Program, and did you know there was a Tiger Moth Drone? Andy also flew B-24's in North Africa during WWII. This should be a most interesting program.

NEWS FROM ALL OVER

I did not receive any information from the members to include in this letter. I suppose most of us have been too busy with the Christmas season etc. Please,

please send in articles, pictures, anything you have that you would like to see in print. At the present time I have a number of pictures that I will run in future issues, and then give them to our historian for inclusion in the photo album. I encourage all (as Connie has) to make items available for our album.

FROM THE EDITOR

IF you look inside the cover of this issue you will see a change in officers for this coming year. Justin Wilde has accepted the position of Activities Chair. Jim Fosselman is our historian. Also note that we need a Cookie Chair. Justin wants to know if any of our members know of anyone that can rent or provide a bus for 30 people so that we can set up a trip to Miramar NAS. If you can help call him at 213/849-5381.

In addition, inside the cover is the 1993 Calendar of Events. Note that it is blank except for January and February. At the General Meeting we will try and fill in this schedule for the year. For those of you attending the General Meeting, be prepared to offer suggestions for events. Of course Santa Ynez is a given.

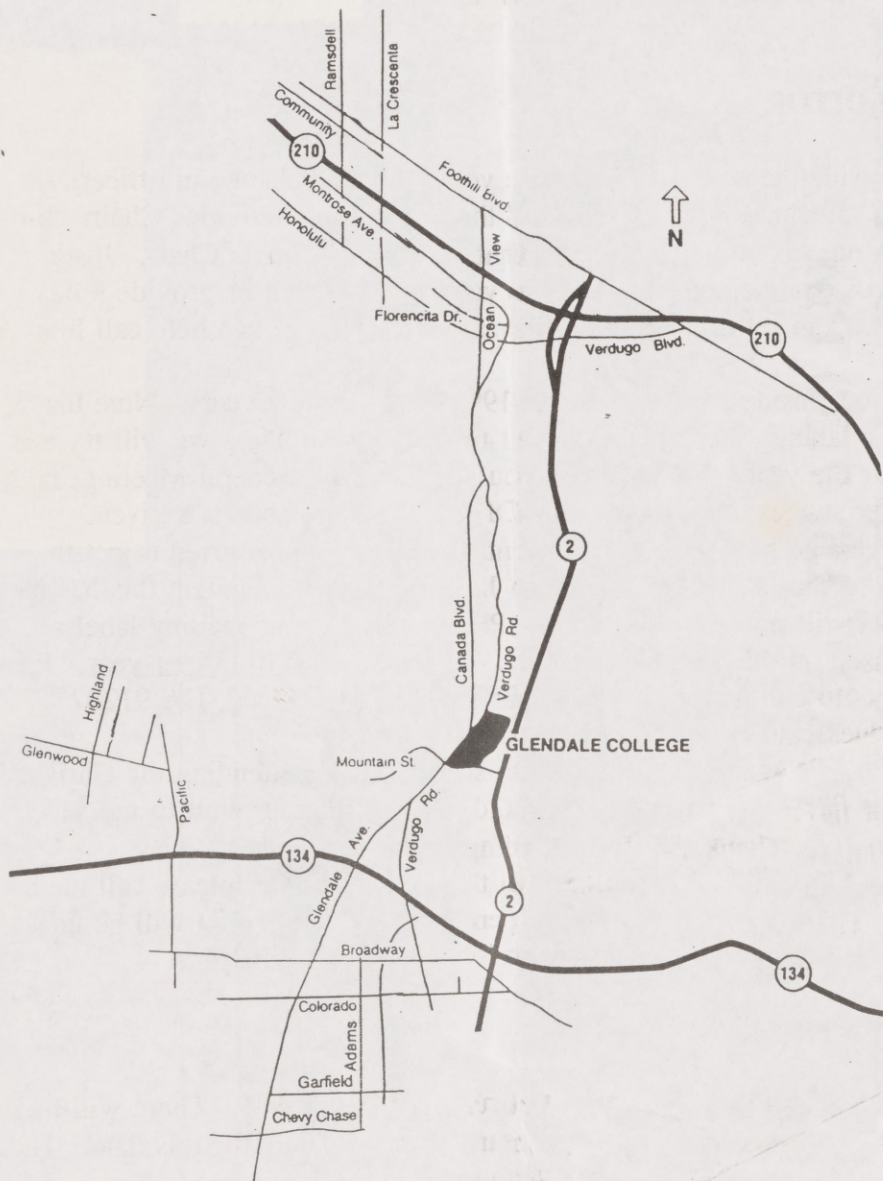
Let me change hats - this is the month for dues. I have tried to get the dues schedule set-up so that all would be due in January. To some extent this has taken place, however I will not force the issue. Please look at your mailing label and send in your dues based on the date on the label. The dues are \$10.00 per year. Please send your checks to Bill Mallory, 410 E. Fairview #4, Glendale, CA 91207. We must have the dues paid in order to continue to function.

Changing hats again - it appears that some of those attending the Christmas party did not (or have not) payed. If you did not pay, please remit to me \$15.00 per person for the party. Thank you for attending to this promptly.

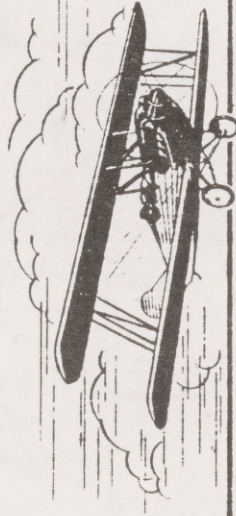
If anyone can help me in getting out the February letter please call me at 818/242-6394. The reason for this is my pending back surgery. I will be unable to do a lot of the "leg work" for the letter, and will need some help.

COMING EVENTS

POT luck at Don and Sue Johnson's, February 20 at 6:00PM. There will be more information in the next letter. Please mark your calendars for this date. The Johnson's really host a great party. Plan to attend.



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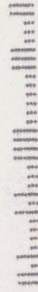


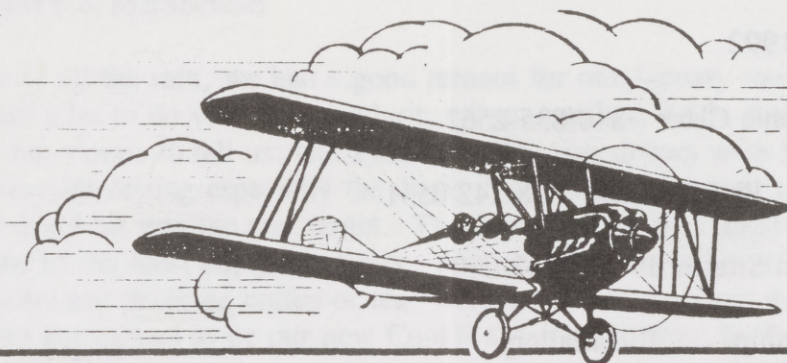
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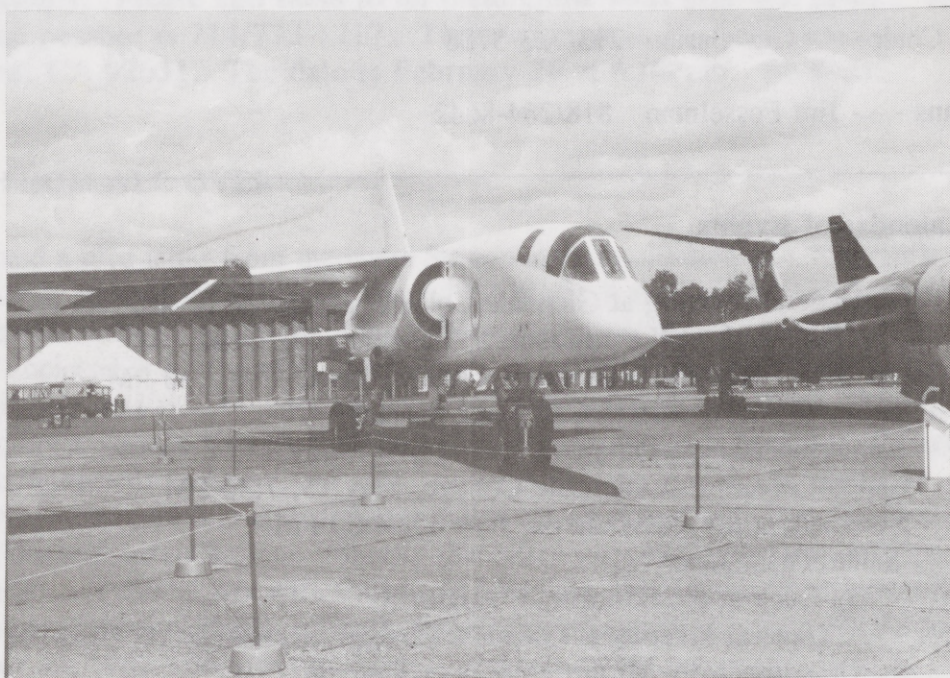
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

IN spite of all the rain, we had a good turnout for our January meeting. It must have had a lot to do with the popularity of our speaker, Andy Anderson. Andy had lots of fun stories to tell us, and I learned that some drones were full size aircraft. It as all very interesting especially the drone that missed the target, but it turned out that what it did hit was the real target. Thank you Andy for a good meeting.

One of the most enjoyable times at our general meetings is the time spent eating sweets and drinking coffee or tea. Without a Cookie Chair this is hard to do, Gus Garian has agreed to be our new Cookie Chair and I want to thank him for accepting this important role.

Our Pot Luck this month will be at Don and Sue Johnson's. It is always such an enjoyable evening. Be sure to give Sue a call and let her know what you be bringing. See you there.

CURRENT EVENTS

AS Connie has mentioned, our event for the month will be the Pot Luck at the Johnson's. Please call them to let them know what you will bring. The phone number is 714/773-1717. There address is 2210 Smokewood, Fullerton, CA 92631. The date is February 20 at 6:00 pm. Be there.

NEWS FROM ALL OVER

I received a nice letter from members Steve and Cathy Melton of Chino Hills. They enclosed a copy of the article on there 1946 North American Navion that was in the January 93 issue of the Pacific Flyer. Here is there letter.

"Enclosed is a copy of an article done on our 1946 North American made Navion in the January "93" issue of Pacific Flyer on page A-50. Since VAA inspired us to acquire a vintage aircraft from our attendance at Wings n Wheels, I thought you might be interested.

We were invited to attend Wings n Wheels 1990 by Mike "Snuffy" Walsh and his Co-Pilot and wife Charlene. Shortly thereafter we joined VAA and also attended Wings n Wheels "91". My wife Cathy and I had the "bug" bad and in November 1991 acquired Navion 91742, a North American made version rolling off the line December 30, 1946. As you can see by the article 91742 has always been a "California Bird".

91742 actually made its debut at Wings n Wheels "92" having been picked up from the paint shop the day before. After 4 preflights and 3 runups I took off from Corona Airport on Thursday before Wings n Wheels 1992, flew around for about an hour, cycled the gear several times and determined she was fit for the trip to Santa Ynez on Friday. The flight was uneventful until we put the gear down upon arrival at Santa Ynez when the nose gear light did not come on. Cycling the gear didn't make the nose gear light work and changing the bulb didn't help either. The mirrors we normally had on the wing tip tanks had not yet been replaced so we couldn't see if the gear was down. It appeared to be down in the reflection off of the shiny new paint on the tip tanks but we weren't positive. Fortunately there was a Bonanza behind us and said he would look to see if our nose gear was down. Once he landed, we did a low approach, he said everything looked OK and we went around and ever so gently landed. It turned out a little paint had found its way to the nose gear switch and trashed it. Once replaced things were fine. We purchased the mirrors and stuck them on the tanks before our return home.

We look forward to seeing you at Santa Ynez this July."

Thanks Steve and Cathy.

I received a nice note from Member Mary Hecker. She has a change of address which is now: Mary Hecker, 4816 Old Cliffs Rd., San Diego, CA 92120. She has also asked me to run an add for her so look on the last page for it. Mary, please send us your phone number.

FROM THE EDITOR

IF you look inside the cover you will see that the schedule for the year is for the most part completed. Also, I want to thank Gus for taking the Cookie Chair position.

Dues are coming in quite nicely, and again I remind you to look at your mailing label to see when yours expire. Remember dues are \$10.00 per year.

Also I want to thank June and Leo Gay for getting this letter printed, folded, stapled, and stamped. I hope I will be recovered enough to be at the Johnson's for the Put Luck.

You may have noticed that I try and bold print all events for the current month, this should help you with scheduling your social activities. I try to make it easy for all.

COMING EVENTS

OUR next general meeting will be at Glendale College on March 19 at 7:30 PM. This will be an excellent meeting and more will be in the next letter.

Leo Gay has asked me to inform you of the special rate being given by the Holliday Inn in Buelton for the Santa Ynez event July 9-11. The Holliday Inn is offering a special rate of \$82.00 instead of \$95.00 to the VAA members, this is for one or two beds and children free. You must call soon and ask for Janice at 800/638-8882 to get this special deal.

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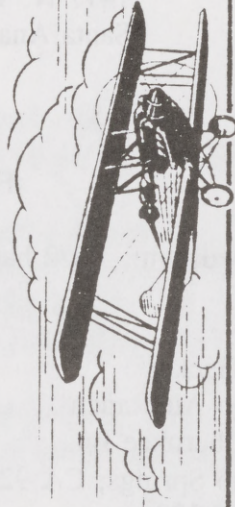
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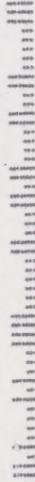
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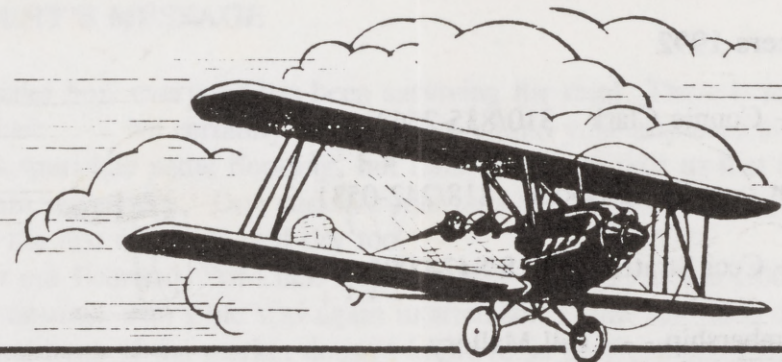
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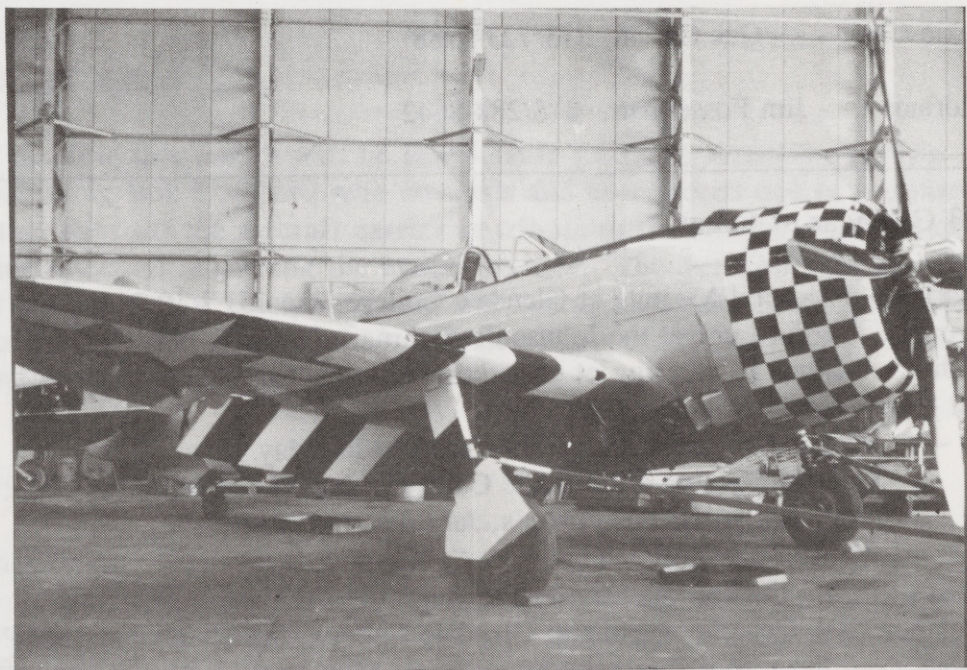
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We wonder how everyone has been surviving the rain! There is so much damage out there - - - we certainly hope all of you and your airplanes are doing okay. Corona Airport had some flooding, but Lars de Jounge tells us that his Tiger Moth and Klemm stayed dry. Don and Sue Johnsons hanger is on the higher ground yet. We hope the rest of you stayed dry too.

At our February Pot Luck we celebrated the 2nd Annual Going Away Party for the Johnsons. Jim Cole was again in attendance with his video camera getting this years' good-bys. If the market doesn't improve so they can sell their home - - well, lets hope for their sake there isn't a 3rd Annual Good By Party, although we certainly will miss them. We had a 50/50 Raffle at this Pot Luck which was won by Don Noonan. We would like to give a big thank you to Don for giving his winnings back to the Club. However, don't let this start a tradition, we want you winners to enjoy your prize. And thanks to all who participated. Thanks also to Don and Sue for being our hosts.

We are especially looking forward to Leo's program and videos at the meeting this month. I'm sure its going to be something you won't want to miss. Lets hope its not raining, so everyone attend. See you there.

CURRENT EVENTS

Our meeting this month will be at Glendale College. Leo Gay will be presenting Bob Lombard who co-owns and co-restored one of the three B-25's that flew off the aircraft carrier in tribute to the Doolittle raid. Bob was also instrumental in putting the event together. The one hour video combines historical footage of Doolittle's raid and training sessions, with video shot on the recent fly-off. This should be a first class presentation. Be sure and set Friday, March 19 aside.

NEWS FROM ALL OVER

In Memorium

A very good friend has passed away recently. He was known to most of us as Mac. I'm sure some knew his name as Lloyd, but Mac Macnider is no longer with us. Mac had been putting up a good fight with Diabetes for many years. He would come to Santa Ynez, and sit with his feet propped up because of the sores that

Diabetics get on the bottoms of their feet, and watch all of the flying, and participate in what he could. Then the Dr's would get his feet healed up, and Mac would be out at Cable Airport as often as possible. Mac loved flying, and had owned several different airplanes during his lifetime, the last one being a Cessna 172. Dale Miller painted Mac's Cessna recently, and he and Mac would go flying whenever they could. Mac had just gone flying the week before he passed on. He was still doing what he loved to do. Mac had many friends, and his Services were standing room only. Hi wife Ginny, and family helped make the Services a wonderful memory and tribute to a loving husband, father, and grandfather. And then at the graveside, you could hear the coming of seven airplanes and a fly-by for Mac. Mac's own airplane was in the group, and Rose Petals were dropped by Dale Miller from his Tiger Moth. We wish CAVU Mac, and we certainly will miss you.

Contributed by Connie Clark.

FROM THE EDITOR

I want to thank all of you that sent me cards and called after my recent back operation. It was a success and I am now up and around a little. I am keeping this letter very short because I can't sit for more than fifteen minutes at a time yet. Again, thank you all, you are truly friends. One thing about being home in bed, I got caught up on my reading, everything but the phone book.

The dues are coming in at a good rate. Please look at your label and if due remit your dues ASAP, \$10.00 per year.

The schedule for the year is now complete. We will be going to Miramar in April.

COMING EVENTS

Our next event will be a tour of Miramar NAS. Don Johnson is in the process of setting everything up now. This will be on April 17 and we will be taking a bus. The only thing firm at this time is the date and the cost of the bus, \$11.00 per person. We will discuss this at the general meeting and more will be in the April letter.

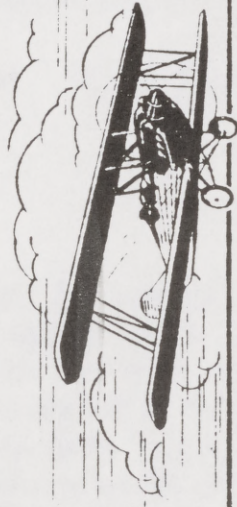
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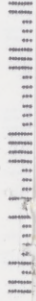
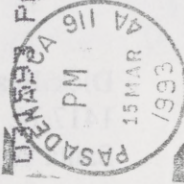
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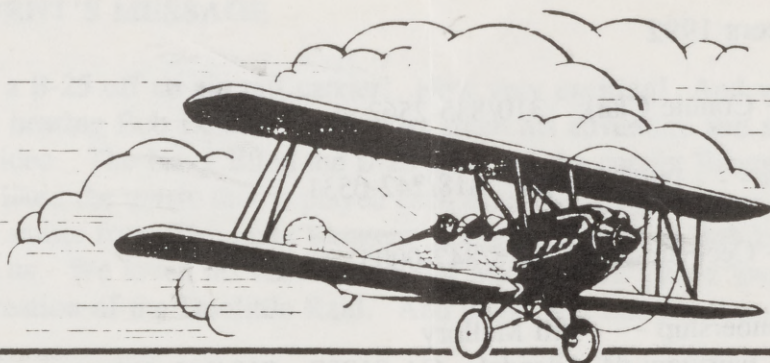
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Please notice that we have had an unexpected change in our activity for April. Don Johnson informed us that there would not be an aircraft carrier at Miramar NAS in April, but that the Kitty Hawk would be there in May. So with a vote of the members present, we postponed our trip until May. Therefore, we have switched activities and will have a meeting in April. This meeting is something that has been suggested by several members, and we think it will be a very special one. Remember, a meeting this month and the trip to Miramar in May. Remember too, the Camarillo Airport Days fly-in and pot luck on May 1st. Lots of great activities. Hope to see you there.

CURRENT EVENTS

Connie has already mentioned the change in our schedule. Please be aware of the meeting on April 16 at Glendale College at 7:30. We will have a panel of our own members, Ed Clark, Frank Compton, Jim Fosselman, and Mel Hefflinger. They will more than likely tell "War Stories", lies, and whatever. This is an event that I have been asking for for a long time. We have so many members with such a varied and rich background that I think we all should hear them. I know this will be a first class meeting.

Now an important word about the Camarillo Airport Days, Fly-In/Pot Luck. This will be a joint event with the Angeles Antiquers. It will be on Saturday, May 1 at 10:00 AM. You are of course free to come as early as you

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CAREFULLY, IT CONTAINS
INFORMATION REGARDING
COMING EVENTS AND THE
CHANGE THAT CONNIE
MENTIONED IN HER MESSAGE.

want and stay as late as you want. Please bring food to share, and your own beverage. Also, you should bring a chair or lounge. It will be held in hangar 185 (East of the tower). This is a great show put on by the Camarillo Airport people, lots of airplanes, things to see, things to buy, and of course good airplane people aplenty. I have attended for the past three years and truly enjoy it. For your convenience, I have included a map of Camarillo Airport and have circled the location of the events.

NEWS FROM ALL OVER

From Marc Herman- Bob Sidney passed away in Oregon on December 10. I think he was 77 years old. He was a longtime member of VAA.

I received this nice note from members Doug and Joan Kelley in Derwood, MD. "Not too much airplane news to report. The Thorp is back in action after finally getting one of the new certified Sensenich metal propellers. To my surprise it added about 15 MPH to my cruise speed with little change in take-off or climb performance. The Thorp got to several fly-ins back here including a very enjoyable at the historic College Park Airport. The Thorp also has a brand new hangar - shared with at Piper Colt at Martinsburg, West Virginia.

The Kit Fox project is now almost 1 year old and going steadily. The past 6 months have been spent on the wings which are by far the most fabrication. They're now nearly ready to cover. When completed, the Kit Fox will be finished as a micro replica of the Mr. Mulligan - powered by a Rotax 912, and modified to the speedster (short wing) configuration. The pieces are of nice quality. I am impressed with the instructions and factory assistance (have needed almost none) so far.

Always happy to see VAA folks traveling this way. Best wishes". Signed
Doug Kelley

FROM THE EDITOR

I am including in this letter a couple of pictures from the Pot-Luck at Hawthorne and one of Lars. I really do need photos for the letter. If you send me any pictures, please tell me where you took them and if you want them back or to send them on to Jim Fosselman the club historian. Please keep the dues coming in, \$10.00 per year. I would also encourage all of us to try and bring in new members.

During the time I was flat on my back I got caught up on some of my reading. I finally got to read almost all of the Time-Life "Wings of War" series that I have subscribed to. I recommend this series to anyone that is trying to build a library of aviation classics. Time-Life has reproduced (with original mistakes etc.) twenty-four of the aviation classics. Examples are: "Falling Through Space", "Wing Leader", "Wind in the Wires", "A Thousand Shall Fall", "Night Fighter", I think you get the idea - this is really a fine series of books.

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Our next event will be a tour of Miramar NAS. Don Johnson is in the process of setting everything up now. This will more than likely be May 15th or the 22nd. Don is waiting for the Navy to confirm the dates. We will have the letter out early enough for you to know. The amount of the bus ticket, place of pick-up, and who to call for reservations will be included. We are sorry that we can't give you more information but the Navy is slow, ha!

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NEW MEMBERS

It's been quite awhile since I have been able to announce a new member. We welcome John Coussens of Los Alamitos, glad to have you aboard. If you sign up a new member try and submit a little information on them.

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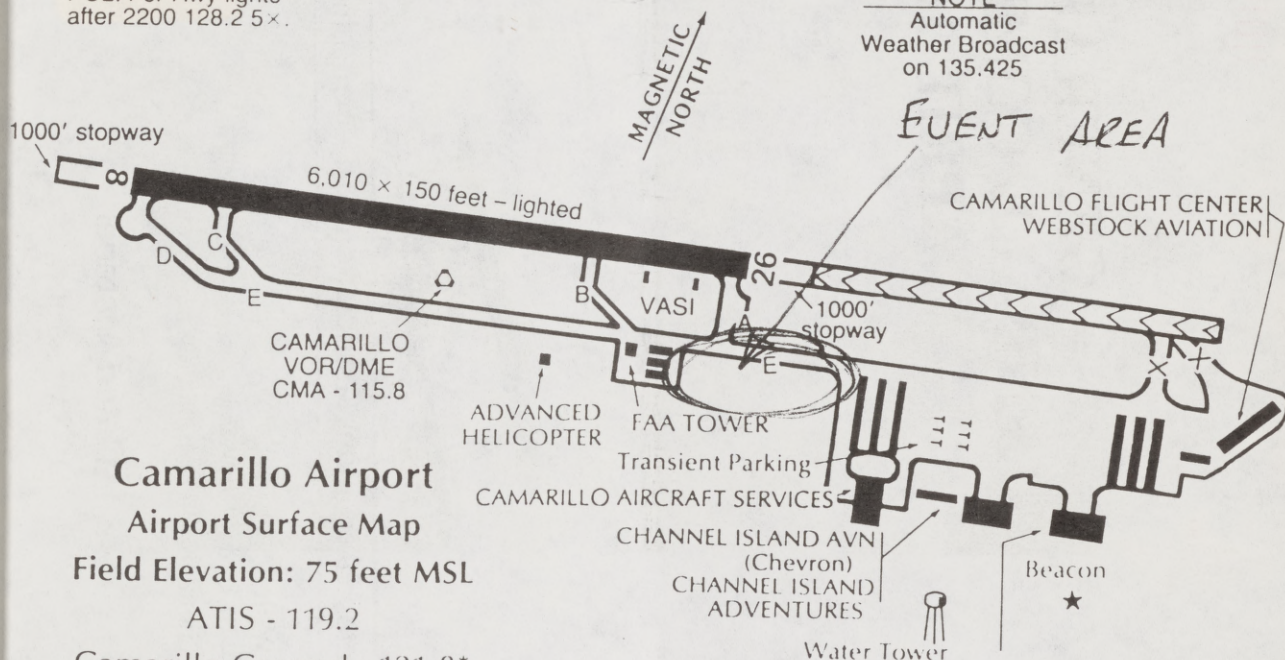




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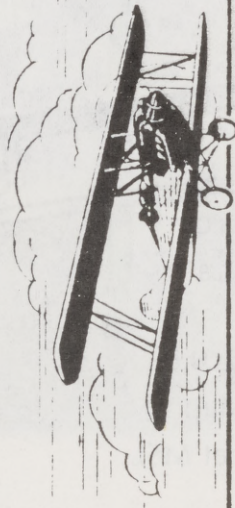
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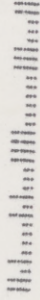
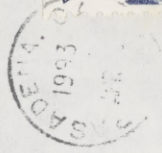


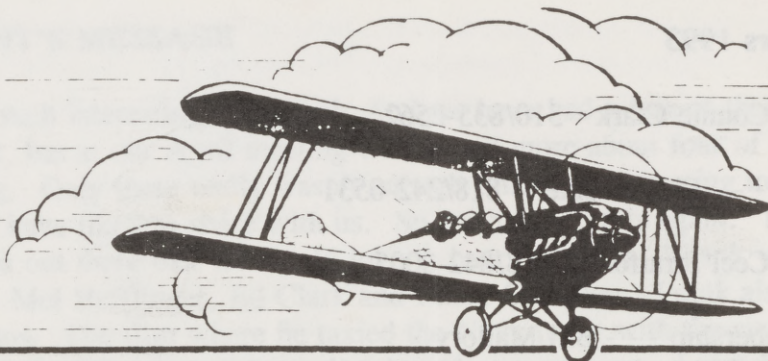
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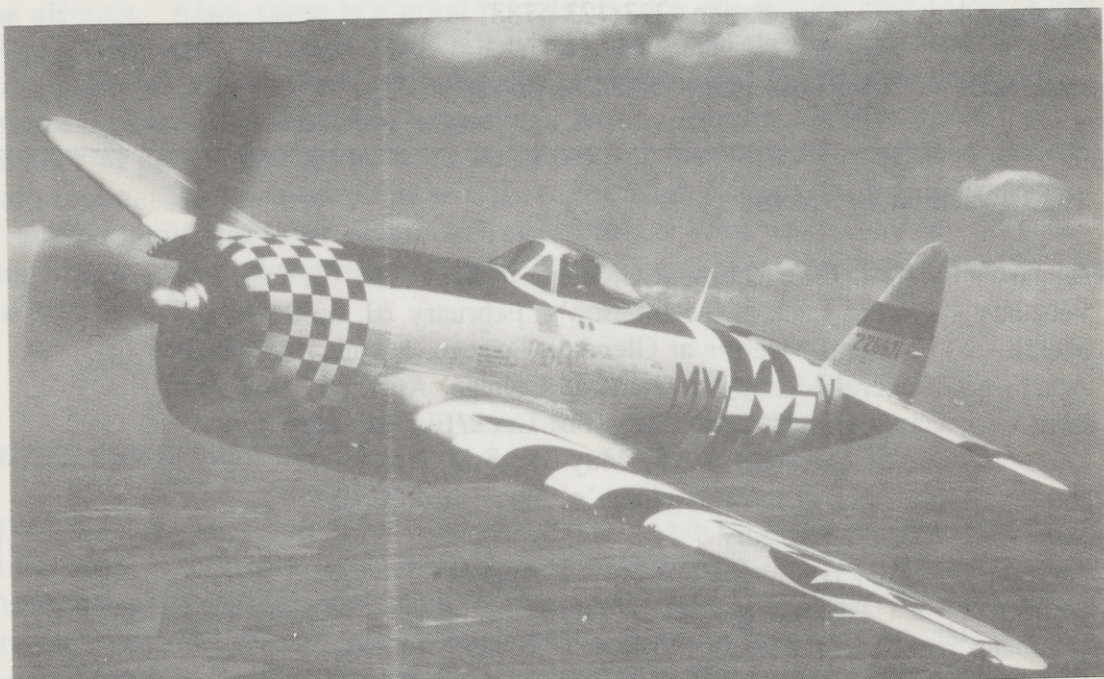
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We have such interesting members! And we have had a few of them as speakers in the past, but at our April meeting we learned more about four of our members in one evening. Only there really wasn't enough time at one meeting to enjoy all that they would have liked to share with us. So we must do this again. There are lots more of you out there that we would love to hear from too. Thank you so much, Jim Fosselman, Mel Hefflinger, Ed Clark and Frank Compton. Frank also brought some fun film clips. The film where he taxied the Navy plane with the wings folded down the main street of Las Vegas dressed as Napoleon was great. I also loved the one with Jane Mansfield and Mickey Rooney.

CURRENT EVENTS

Don Johnson has been working like a mad-man to get the Miramar NAS trip in place and he tells me that the Kitty Hawk has just entered port and the crew will be on leave most of the this month, we therefore can not go aboard. However, Don has been able to get a tour of the NAS which will include seeing the aircraft. Also, there is a good possibility that we will be able to use a Navy Flight Simulator. Since we will not be able to go on the carrier, Don says we can do one or more of several other things such as the San Diego Aerospace Museum, approach control or whatever. At any rate he needs to know the number of people going (we need 46 to pay for the bus). The price is \$11.00 per person. The pick-up point will be at the High School on the corner of Brookhurst and the 15 in Anaheim/Buena Park at 8:00 AM, Saturday May 22. Remember, call Don Johnson at 714/773-1717 and give him the number in your party.

NEWS FROM ALL OVER

I received this nice note from Ginny Macnider. "Enclosed is a check for the dues for 1993. I want to say thanks again to pilots Ed Clark, Le Roy Blum, Tony Blum, Dale Miller, Howie Lehetner, Tom Mackey, and Mitch Leland for doing the Fly-By at Mac's funeral February 9th. It was a beautiful farewell to a fellow pilot. The whole Macnider family appreciated it so very much. Keep those planes flying." Signed, Ginny Macnider.

Connie also sent me an article out of the Dallas (Texas) Morning News regarding founding member Dave Davidson and his coming attempt to fly his Marquardt Charger around the world. Most of you know that this will be his second attempt. His first was fouled up by the upset in the former USSR.

Dave says in the article, "My goal was only half met last time. I'm going to make it this time." He says "The paperwork itself is an adventure, but if you don't push you don't get anything done." Dave's airplane speed is about 100 miles per hour so he must land frequently, and each one of the stops requires a special permit. The permit to land in Russia is the hardest to get. The Guinness Book of Records has recognized Dave for crossing the Atlantic each way alone in a home-built plane (Ed. this was in 1991). Dave anticipates no problems with permits this time. Instead, he is trying to find sponsors to finance his trip. (Ed. our chapter has contributed \$100.00). Dave also said, "Not one historic flight has ever been photographed, all we have is pictures of takeoffs and landings, here's the chance to do it. It would definitely be worth someone's while." No one has yet offered to help fund the flight, which he estimates will cost about \$20,000 for him to make alone or \$45,000 if he has a photographer follow him in another plane. Dave says, "I'm really not trying to go after world records of anything else, I just want to do it." Dave, we wish you all of the luck in the world, we know you will make it.

Finally, Connie tells me that Ed and Connie Clark, Mal and Ceci Stratford, Andy Anderson, John and Dallys Innes, and about twenty others helped P.H. Spencer celebrate his 96th birthday. His new address is 22419 Kent Ave., Torrance, CA 90505.

FROM THE EDITOR

For those of you that did not make the Camarillo Fly-In, you missed a real first class event. Not only were the aircraft that were on display fantastic, the Pot Luck with the Angeles Antiquers was a roaring success, we could have had more members there however. I hope that many of you took pictures for our historian, and also for inclusion in the letter. This is one of the many fine events held locally and is a must do for all aviation buffs. Ed, I still think the engine is on the wrong end of the airplane. Tell me, how do you hand prop it, quickly I bet.

Dues are still coming in. Please remember to renew, it costs to keep the letter going and to help defray expenses for some of the events during the year. Also, as I said in the last letter, let's all try to recruit new members, especially the younger folk. Dues are just \$10.00 a year, what a deal.

Just as I finished this part of the letter I heard from Connie, Dave Davidson wrote her and thanked her for the VAA contribution of \$100.00 to "The Dave Davidson Around the World Fund." He further said that this would buy his first load of fuel for the leg from Texas to Dayton, Ohio.

COMING EVENTS

We have two events for the month of June. The Pot Luck at the Fosselman's on June 13, at 4:00 PM. The address is: 520 Alahmar St, Alhambra. Call them and let them know what you will be bringing. The phone number is 818/284-8642. For those of you that have not attended one of their Pot-Lucks try and make it this time, it is really fantastic, especially the ice cream. Hope to see you there.

Leo Gay tells us that June 18, 19, and 20 Camp Roberts will be celebrating its 50th anniversary. Arrangements are being made for us to fly into and land on the largest paved parade field in the world, 3600 feet long. For those that can arrive Friday morning they can join the Military Vehicle Club and ride on tank training trails. They also will have a running WWI tank. Saturday the 19th will be the 50th anniversary commemoration with a military band and a WWII battle reenactment. In the evening they will have a 1940's dance and Canteen, also, there will be a western dance. Sunday morning there will be a pancake breakfast. Also on Sunday, the Rail Car Collectors will give rides on the Camp Roberts railroad. Contact Leo after 6:00 PM ASAP if you wish to participate. He can give you all of the detailed information. His phone is 818/244-9787. This sounds like another fine event. I hope that lots of us can go.

Also, we should remember Santa Ynez is just around the corner, July 9, 10, and 11. You should call the hotels/motels now to insure reservations. They are:

The Holiday Inn	800/638-8882
King Frederick Inn	805/688-5515
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Tell them you will be participating in "Wings n Wheels" event and they will give you special rates.

Leo Gay has requested that all who plan to attend to the following: 1) make a check out to VAAC in the amount of \$34.00 per person and mail it to him at 1918 Florena Ct., Glendale, CA 91208, 2) list your aircraft type (if flying in), 3) print your

name exactly as it is to appear on your name badge. Leo would appreciate you doing this ASAP as it will help him match you up with a driver.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members this month. Barry and Nina Yates. Nina is a San Fernando Valley 99 and has been flying since 1986. Her home base is Van Nuys. She is a Clinical Microbiologist in West Hills. Barry is her 49 1/2 and has been flying out of Van Nuys since 1983. He is a classroom teacher working in Malibu for the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District.

Truman and Felicia Hoppe. Felicia is the current President of the San Fernando Valley 99's. She and her 49 1/2 have a Cessna Cardinal and fly it plenty. For those of you flying around Van Nuys watch for the Green and White 177 and wag your wings in a friendly hello to Felicia and Truman.

Scott Rubke. Scott is a retired TWA maintenance technician now teaching in the Aviation Maintenance Program at Glendale College.

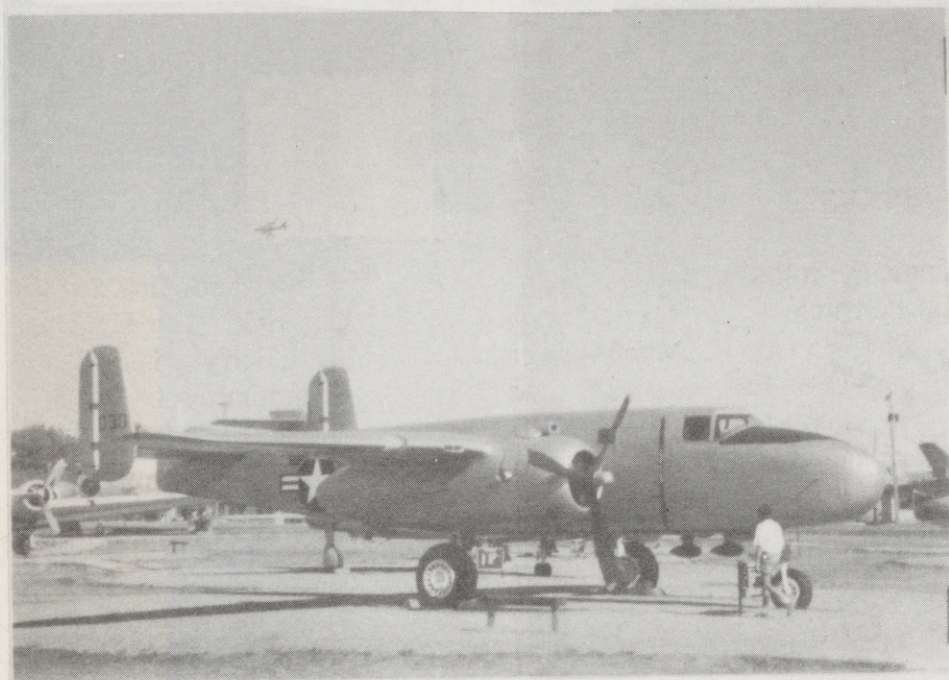
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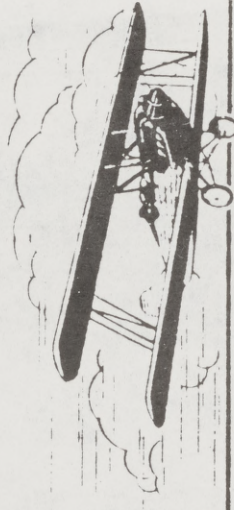
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VAA members in attendance to join us at our motel, the King Frederik, at 7:30 PM for a little party to commemorate the occasion. Our room is on the West side; meet in the drive." Signed, Keith R. Smith. Congratulations to you both and I hope that many of us can be there to share the event with you, thank you for the invitation.

FROM THE EDITOR

I want to echo what Connie said regarding the Miramar trip. I don't think anyone of you know how much time and effort was put in by Don Johnson in trying to coordinate this event. Don, I for one want to thank you. If you will allow me to "soap box" for a bit, I would like to remind all of you to consider the effort and time that goes into putting on the monthly events. Just the coordination alone takes time. Please look at the calendar on the first page and note the events that are planned, then mark your personal calendar so that you can attend. We truly want to see your faces at our events.

Please keep the dues coming in, there are still a few of you that are behind. LOOK AT THE MAILING LABEL, the date on the label is the expiration date of your current membership.

COMING EVENTS

The event for July (and the major one of the year) is Santa Ynez. The dates, July 9,10,and 11. If you look at your calendar you will see that the date is almost here Leo has asked that you let him know ASAP if you will be going and to: 1. Make a check out to VAAC for \$34.00 per person and mail it to him at 1918 Florena Ct., Glendale, CA 91208. 2. List your aircraft type (if flying in). 3. Print your name exactly as you want it to appear on your name badge.

Leo also tells me that we will once again have the bus service like last year. This should make it really easy to move from the airport to town and back.

I am including a map of the Santa Ynez airport and its requested traffic pattern for those of you that are flying in. PLEASE FLY QUIETLY.

Also, we want to welcome aboard the new manager of the Santa Ynez Airport, David Liebman.

Again, the hotels/motels in the area that may still have room are:

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

They say you win some, and you lose some. Actually, I'm sure our planned trip to the Miramar Naval Air Station is the first activity that didn't come about. And we did have several members interested, just not enough to cover the cost of the bus. Perhaps it was because we couldn't get aboard the Kitty Hawk after all. We do want to thank Don Johnson for all the work he did to plan this trip, and also his friend John, the ex Top Gun pilot who was to be our guide.

Our pot lucks are always well attended though, and this month we will be getting together at Jim and Kay Fosselmans. Be sure to put the date on your calendar and give them a call to let them know what you will be bringing.

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NEWS FROM ALL OVER

I received this information from Connie. Member Lars DeJunge flying his Klemm from Corona, met member Dr. Thibault flying his Tiger Moth at three thousand feet over El Monte Airport and flew to Oakland to meet a friend Roger Fines from England who had shipped his Fox Moth in from New Zealand. They attended the Merced fly-in and then back to Corona for a short stop over and on to Wisconsin and Oshkosh. We will have more in a later letter.

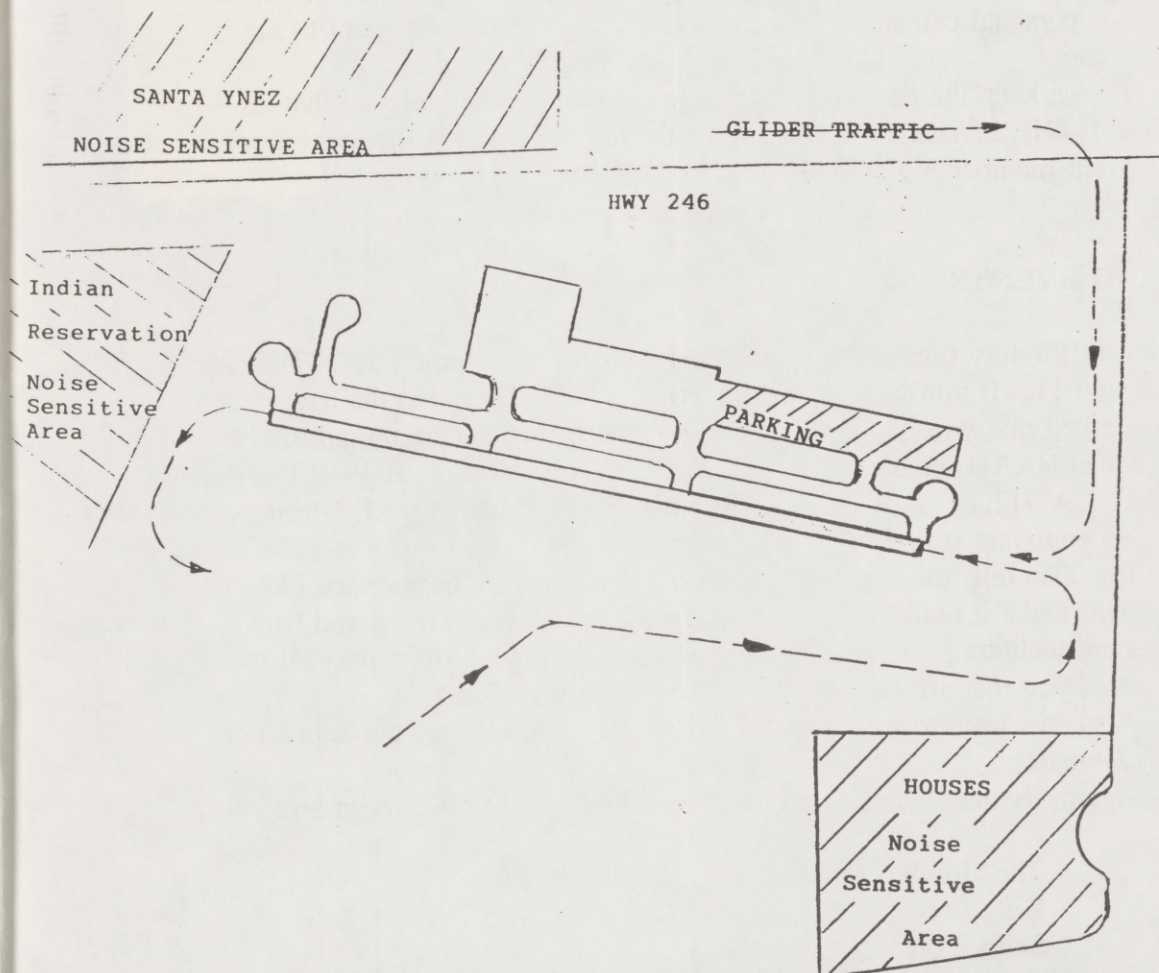
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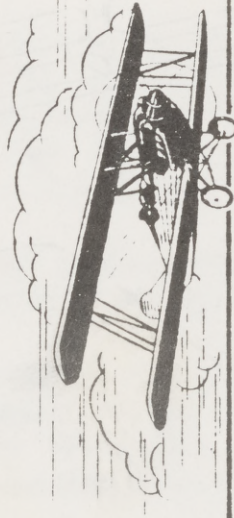
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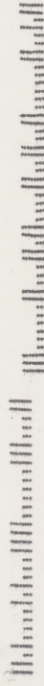


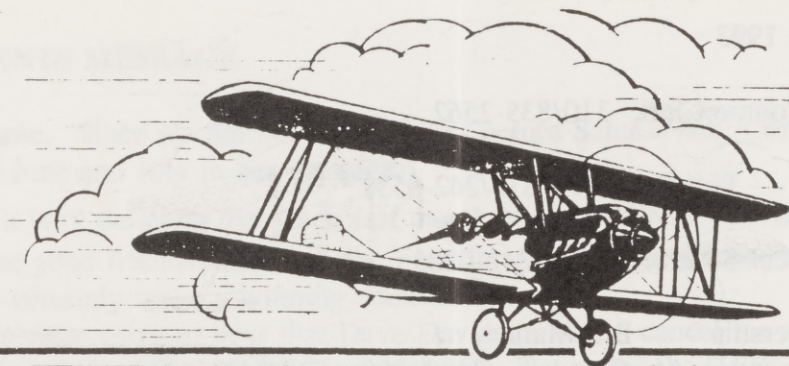
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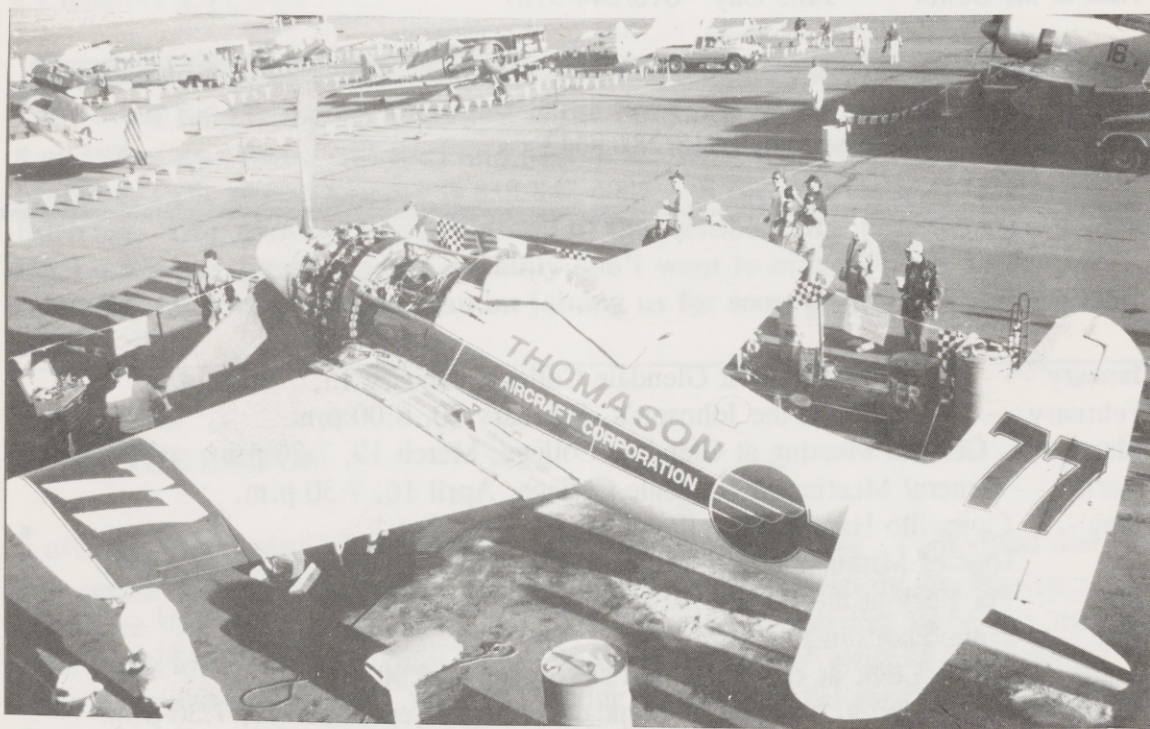


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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

(Editors note. Since we did not have a letter before Santa Ynez, Connie has combined June and July in her message).

We had a very delicious Pot Luck last month at Jim and Kay Fossleman's home. Besides the good friends and food, the Fosselman's lovely patio and their own special ice cream certainly make a winning combination.

We were sorry to hear that Dave Davidson had to cancel his around the world flight. More info about that in this newsletter. Tough break, Dave. But as you say, maybe next year.

Santa Ynez was bigger than ever this year. Almost 400 people registered. So many cars that we divided them into three groups for the tours. Lots of airplanes and lots of flying. A great weekend to enjoy old and new friends and wonderful activities. ➔

CURRENT EVENTS

Our event for the month of August is the Pot Luck at the Stratford's on August 8 at 3:00 p.m. Please call Ceci and Mal to let them know what you will be bringing, their phone number is 818/842-0005 and the address is 425 Bel Aire, Burbank. Our hats are "doffed" to all of the members that host the events. The Pot Luck's are something you certainly don't want to miss. Please mark your calendars for this event and plan on joining us for some great food and good stories. ➔

FROM THE EDITOR

I often feel somewhat inhibited in my little section to all of you. I am afraid that I will get carried away and start putting too much of my own feeling into the letter. I have done just that with this letter, but I feel that most of you will agree with me, this regards the following letter from Dave Davidson. I had the pleasure of spending some time with him at Santa Ynez and talking about the failed attempt to fly around the world. Dave told me much of what is in his letter to you. I would not take the liberty to paraphrase his letter to us and therefore have included it in its entirety. It is

a sad state of affairs when we can not do what we do best, in Dave's case fly. Let us all pray that in the near future the barriers of the governments will also fall. Please read his letter, it is one of frustration, hope, and above all confidence.

Finally, I was able to attend the Santa Ynez event, what a week-end. I got to meet a lot of you that I know only as a name on a mailing list. I will not tell you much in this letter since Frank Compton has promised he will write it up. I know that you all enjoy the comments Frank makes so we will have to wait until next month. However, Leo tells me that we had 111 vehicles, 398 people on the tour, and 60 airplanes. I will say, if anyone wanted to find Leo all they had to do was look for the dust cloud. Incidentally, this event (because of the number of people in attendance) is a major source of revenue for the VAA.

Now, I was at Santa Ynez, I saw you taking pictures. Send some in for inclusion in the letter next month. I am printing some that were taken at the Camarillo fly-in. Photos are always welcome.

One thing I do want to tell you about is the renewing of the wedding vows of Keith and Elaine Smith at Santa Ynez. Judge Sid Cherness officiated and Leo Gay presented them with a lovely plaque. There was Wedding Cake, Champagne, and punch. It was quite an event.

Also, I am trying to make the coming events stand out more in the letter. I talk to people and they say "I didn't even see it", I am trying to bold it and in this issue trying a shadow box as well. I don't know what else to do.

Keep the dues coming in. We need your support in order to continue to function. Check those address labels for your expiration dates. Also, lets see if we can get some new members. Ask your friends to come to the events, encourage them to join, maybe pay the first years dues. ✈

NEWS FROM ALL OVER

This letter was sent to me by Connie for inclusion in the letter prior to Santa Ynez, it is from Dave Davidson, dated June 18, 1993 (and as mentioned by Connie) concerns his cancellation of his flight.

"It is with much regret that today, I was forced to shut down my four year effort to be the first person to fly around the world solo in a single engine open cockpit biplane. You all have been so encouraging and helpful that I felt I at least owed all of you this letter to let you know that I didn't stop until my last telephone call to Russian friends in Moscow today, to try and make the flight.

I had scheduled my takeoff from Addison Airport here in the Dallas area on Saturday the 5th of June 1993. On Thursday the 3rd I spent all day at the airport loading my airplane. When I arrived home a message was on my answering machine from Ruth Jacobs in Anchorage, Alaska. (More on Ruth later). She said that the Russian Civil Aviation people in Moscow would not allow Iouri Kharitonov of Magadan, Eastern Siberia (check your Atlas) to fly with me from St. Petersburg to Providenia. It is a Russian requirement to have an English speaking Russian pilot aboard, as in many of the stops no one speaks English. I had contracted with Iouri to be my navigator months ago. We had talked on the telephone when he was in Anchorage staying with Ruth Jacobs and her husband. Iouri is a very enterprising Russian who is the FBO (Fixed Base Operator) at the Magadan Airport. He has established the "Twin Star Company", part of which is to supply English speaking pilots to fly with Americans into Russia on pleasure or business. I called Ruth to verify this turn of events. Friday the 4th of June I called Connie Higenbotham of Jeppesen Data Plan to see what could be done. (I can't praise Connie and the Jeppesen Company enough, they have been outstanding in their support of my historic flight and are the ones who transmitted my detailed flight plan and flight permit request to Moscow and have made several telephone calls to Moscow in their efforts to obtain my clearance). Connie found out that the powers to be in Moscow didn't want Iouri to be my navigator and that I would have to use a government navigator at \$245.00 per day, and pay \$800-1000.00 for each landing in Russia plus food, fuel, and lodging costs. Even with good weather all across Russia this would amount to over \$20,000 and therefore, stopped my flight before takeoff. I wasn't ready to give up and on Wednesday the 9th of June I was able to reach Representative Jim Inhofe of Tulsa, Oklahoma in Washington D.C by telephone. Jim Inhofe is the head of the House Aviation Sub Committee and with Mary Kelly and two other pilots flew their Cessna twin engine airplane around the world just ahead of me in July 1991. They were able to fly across the Soviet Union just before the revolution. Jim was very nice and we talked for 40 minutes. He indicated that it wouldn't do much good to contact Vladimir Lukin the Russian Ambassador and suggested that I call Dr. Mil Harmon who had flown his single engine Bonanza into Moscow several times, even when the Soviets were running the country. Dr. Harmon was very nice and suggested that I call Valery Shelkonikov or Demetry Tarassevich by telephone in Moscow. They head up the Russian Aviation Safety Foundation. Valery was the chief air controller of the Soviet Union. Valery had helped me in 1991 through my friend Jerry Richard of the ICAO Branch of the FAA in Washington, D.C. to obtain my flight permit to Moscow. I didn't use it because of the revolution. On the 10th of June, early in the morning I called Moscow. Demetry answered the telephone. He knew who I was

through Valery and copies of my book that Jerry had given him. He said that he would do what he could to have Iouri Kharitonov be my navigator as originally planned and for me to FAX him a copy of my flight plan. The next day at 1:00 a.m. I faxed a detailed letter, a copy of Jeppesen's detailed flight plan (two and one half feet long) and a copy of my Russian Visa. A Russian Visa is like gold and Iouri had obtained it for me. After all these years of work I only needed one more thing, a Russian Flight Clearance. (They told Connie that they would give me the clearance, BUT I had to use their navigator and pay the exorbitant fees). I waited a week and with no word from Demetry, I telephoned him early in the morning. He had not received my FAX! It seems that it had to go through Finland and that procedure was not always reliable. He gave me another FAX number to try! After I hung up I thought about trying to salvage this historic flight and decided that with time growing short on the Weather Window around the world, it would be better to not go this year. Maybe next year, who knows. I have removed all the extra fuel tanks and radios and the 12 inch numbers on the sides of the fuselage (you have to have them to go out of and into the United States). I will leave in my famous biplane for California on the 1st of July (my date to meet Iouri in St. Petersburg) and visit all my friends, my brother and my youngest daughter in Reno. I will also take in the annual Santa Ynez "Wings n Wheels" on 9,10 and 11 July. This has been an annual event for over 20 years. No air show and no spectators, just owners of old airplanes and antique automobiles getting together for rides in old cars and airplanes with a big barbecue Saturday night and a big breakfast Sunday morning.

I knew it would be difficult to fly around the world in my biplane. I don't mean the flying or the airplane. (Ed Marquart designed this fabulous biplane and I have never had a bit of trouble with it in 9 1/2 years and over 800 hours flying). I know the airplane can make it for it took me to Europe and back again in 1991. I am not the greatest pilots in the world but I think I know how to do it after 11,000 hours in over 50 years. It's just the governments, our and theirs. ie. all countries. For those of you who have travelled know that once you get past the officials you find friendly people, lovely friendly people and a delightful visit. I had obtained all of my flight permits and knew the costs of country entries, food, fuel, lodging etc. (Iouri's Twin Star Co. would charge me \$7514.00 to include everything, food, fuel, lodging, clearances, landing fees, security etc.). I wouldn't have to spend a cent in Russia. I was ready to transfer that amount to his bank account in Anchorage when I received the greedy news from Moscow. They just thought, here is another rich American we can soak it to. Instead, they destroyed an historic flight. My whole round the world flight would total \$18,000.00 and I had borrowed the necessary money to make up this amount. Early this year I thought I would take another chance at obtaining a

sponsor. With a well designed detailed letter individually addressed to the heads of 59 corporations and a copy of my book, I proposed that a Cessna 206 fly along with me to record the flight with my friend Richard Foregger as the Video man. I told them that not one historic aviation record flight had ever been recorded on film or video tape, all they had was the takeoff and landing. I received 30 "no" answers and 6 books back. The remainder went into the file 13 basket or the shredder I guess. It's a shame because all of the "no" answers were signed by a person way down the line of the corporation who's job it is I guess is to say "no" to all requests for sponsorship. Richard is a professional and would put together a one to four hour program with narration and music for a travel series. I contacted several PR people who claimed to know CEO's of corporations. They wanted \$5,000-10,000.00 up front with no guarantee. They were not willing to gamble to make a profit!

I was able to make contact with Ruth Jacobs of "Friendship Flight 93" in Anchorage, Alaska through my friend Bill Signs who had flown around the world in May 1992 with Iouri in Bill's Mooney single engine airplane. I am really indebted to Ruth for she is the one who set up my contact with Iouri who got my Visa and agreed to be my navigator. No one can do it alone and I do so appreciate all of you for backing me in my efforts. For those of you individuals and organizations who donated money, you will find a check enclosed. Thank you. Sincerely, Your Friend Dave". ➔

COMING EVENTS

Leo has asked me to include information regarding the Hawthorne Air Faire. The Air Faire will take place this year on August 28 and 29. They will be celebrating the history of aviation from aircraft to spacecraft. Gates open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Adults \$5.00, children 12 and under free. They will be featuring a tribute to the historic 1975 Apollo-Soyuz Mission with appearances by Astronaut Tom Stafford and Russian Cosmonaut Alexi Leonov. A salute to the McDonnell Douglas/Northrop F/A-18 Hornet. Flybys and static displays of over 40 vintage warbirds and other current inventory aircraft.

For those that would like to attend the History of Aviation Banquet on August 28 at the Proud Bird you should contact the Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce at 310/676-1163. Tickets are \$45.00 per person.

For those that would like to stay in the Hawthorne area for the Air Faire the Ramada LAX will give you special rates. The phone number for reservations is 1/800/228-2828.

All VAA aircraft members that want to fly in are invited to do so and should contact Leo Gay at 818/244 9787 for more information. ➔

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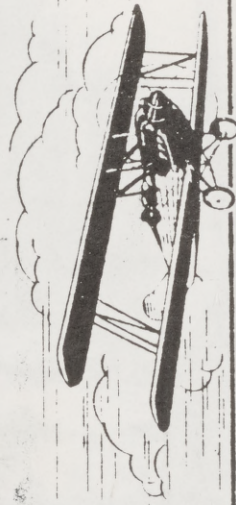
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Camarillo 1993

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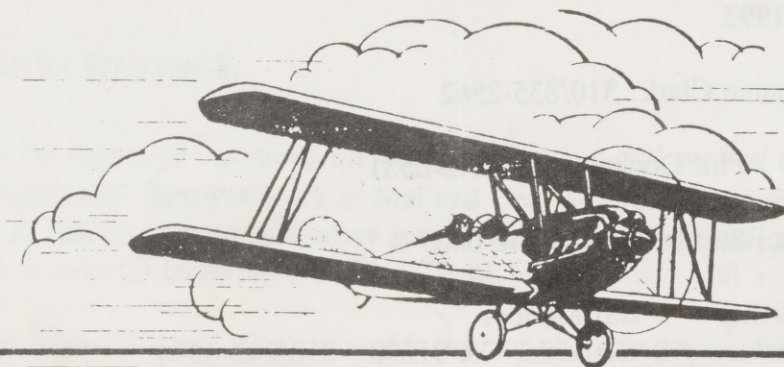
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Elmer on the wing of his Grumman Gulfhawk
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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

August is the month of vacations for many people, but still we had a good turnout at tow club functions. The Pot Luck at Mal and Ceci Stratford was such a nice get-together. A chance to relax and enjoy good friends and good food, and the Stratford's wonderful large patio porch. Thank you so much Mal and Ceci for having us.

Leo, you did a great job again this year on the Hawthorne Air Faire. The two F-18 Hornets were spactacular. Both the landings and the take-offs were something to see. Although this year was supposed to feature seaplanes, there were several no-shows, and that left the spotlight to the PBY Catalina. This one was immaculate inside and out - and the PBY is a fascinating airplane. The other seaplane - our Republic SeaBee was dwarfed by the PBY. Sitting under the shade of the wing takes on a whole new meaning when the wing is of a PBY. Out SeaBee as well as both crews and guests wwere sitting under that shade. Thank you so much Kip ~~Mope~~ for bringing in the Catalina, and thank you Bob Franks for allowing it to appear. Kip is also a club member.

We saw many club members at the Air Faire, among which were Mel and Dottie Hefflinger. Mel was featured in an interview at the Air Faire Banquet. Thanks to all of you for stopping to say hello. We also had severael members in the fly-by's - including Frank Compton Jr., Hal Loomis, Dick Smith, Gene Gast, and John Madison. It was an exciting week end.

Read on for information on the September meeting. It's going to be a good one.

Remember too, to put the Christmas Party on your calendar. ➔

CURRENT EVENTS

Our program program chair has really been working hard on the September meeting, and I think you find it to be a very enjoyable evening.

We have a wonderful film and an excellent guest speaker for this meeting. "Women of Courage" is a sixty minute film which first aired on PBS last Memeorial Day. It is the definitive documentary on the W.A.S.P.S., it's a moving film. Our speaker is a Glendale resident; Gerri Olinger became a W.A.S.P. in 1944 learning to fly in Stearmans, AT-6's, BT-13's, and then transitioned into B-25's. After the war, she raised a family, and then spent 24

years working in television production and broadcasting. You'll find her entertaining and very informative. (Especially interesting is the real reason the W.A.S.P.S were disbanded before the war ended).

Mark your calendars, September 17, 7:30 p.m. at Glendale College.✈

FROM THE EDITOR

I don't have much for you this time. I am pleased with the way the dues have been coming in, but there are still a group of you that need renew; remember, \$10.00 for one year. Please check your address labels for your expiration dates.

I am still looking for photos for the letter, also any item of interest from any member. This issue will feature several pictures taken by Frank Compton, in addition, Frank has sent his report on Santa Ynez in and it is in the next section. Thanks Frank, I really enjoy your write-ups.

I am planning on getting another club directory ready for those that want one. If you would prefer to not be listed let me know. ✈

I would like to ask all of you to attempt to enlist a new member for our group, if you need them I have plenty of membership applications.

NEWS FROM ALL OVER

This is Frank Compton's report on Santa Ynez. The Santa Ynez "93" Wings and Wheels fly-in, drive-in was the biggest and best ever. Some of us had earlier expressed the opinion that this popular VAA event had finally grown to unmanageable size, too big for a small aero club social affair. Not so! Leo Gay in his infinite wisdom, worked with the car folks and they divided the vintage rolling stock into three separate groups of about 35 vehicles each, transporting a total of 398 people on a programmed non interference tour route. Next thought concluded that three separate strings of old cars criss-crossing the meandering backroads would emulate the destruction derbys of the 50s and 60s. That didn't happen either. In our group, the first sighting of the "other guys" was at the Firestone farm lunch stop. As most of you know, the weather was great and the turn out was fabulous. The valley fog which usually burns off by 10:00 a.m. had already dissipated in the early morning hours.

One hundred eleven vintage autos and old military vehicles plus sixty aeroplanes showed up for the "93" rendezvous. Most of the cars and planes arrived mid to late afternoon, Friday July 22. Appearance of the fine old cars on the local highways and roads and the many aeroplanes in the Santa Ynez Airport pattern attracted a considerable number of the local residents to visit and inspect the fabulous collection of old cars and vintage aircraft.

The Saturday evening hangar party and Bar BQ and the Sunday morning dawn patrol breakfast, sponsored by the local EAA chapter, was top notch as usual.

After breakfast, VAAC pilots had their turn taking their assigned tour drivers on a pleasure spin around the Santa Ynez Valley. Everyone had an enjoyable time.

Member Elmer Ward flew in his big orange pumpkin and genuinely thrilled the membership. A few lucky ones were given a ride, probably the ride of a lifetime. The airplane, a Grumman F8F Bearcat, formerly a Navy carrier based fighter was reconstructed from the ground up, taking Elmer more than twelve years to complete. It is finished in the paint and markings of the Gulf Oil Company Gulfhawk flown by executive pilot Al Williams who was prominent in airshow and aviation circles in the 1930s - 1950's.

A few weeks later at the Oshkosh EAA International air show, Elmer experienced an engine failure on take-off and this beautifully restored Navy Fighter was badly damaged during the emergency landing. It was certainly a heart felt moment when we all heard about the mishap. Most important however, Elmer survived and is probably at this moment orchestrating reconstruction of his "big orange pumpkin" at his hangar in Chino.✈

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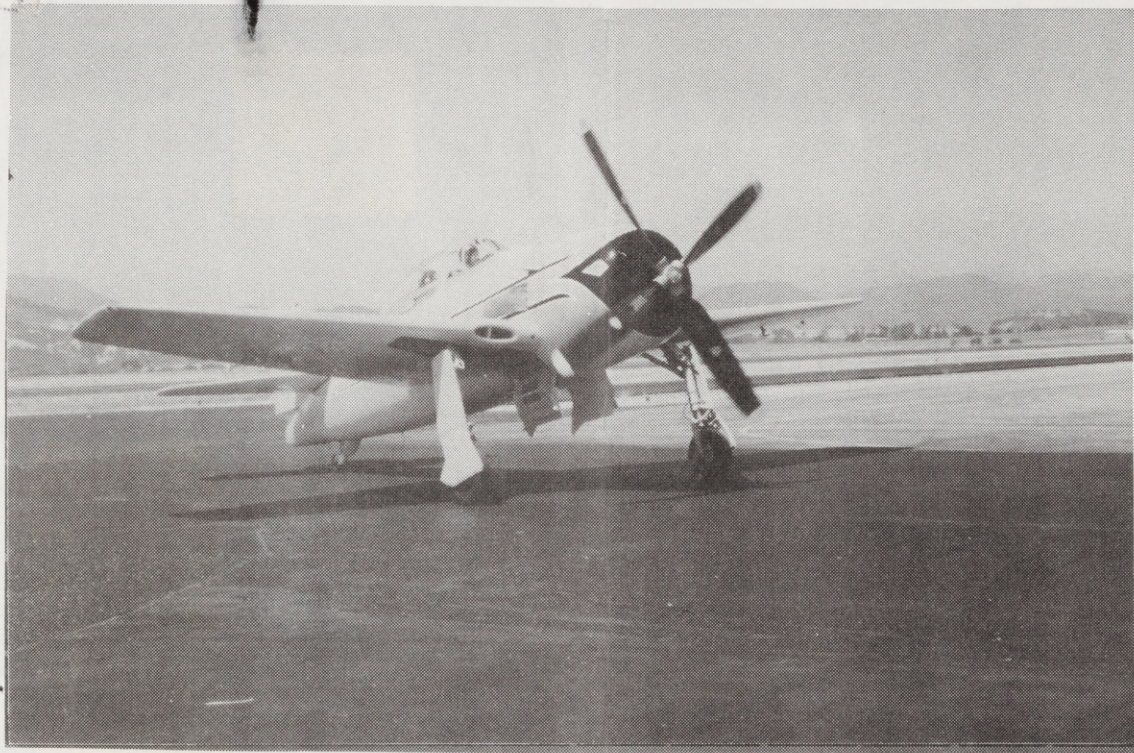
Justin Wilde, our Activities Chair is busy working on the event for October. I bet that if you make the meeting Friday, September 17, you will find out what it is going to be. Hint, it may be in Santa Monica. At any rate, more information will be forthcoming.

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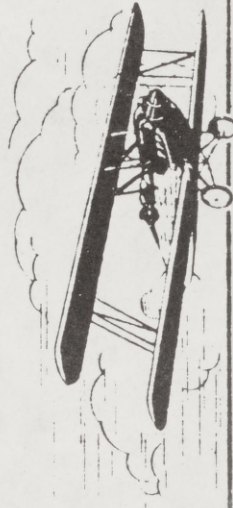




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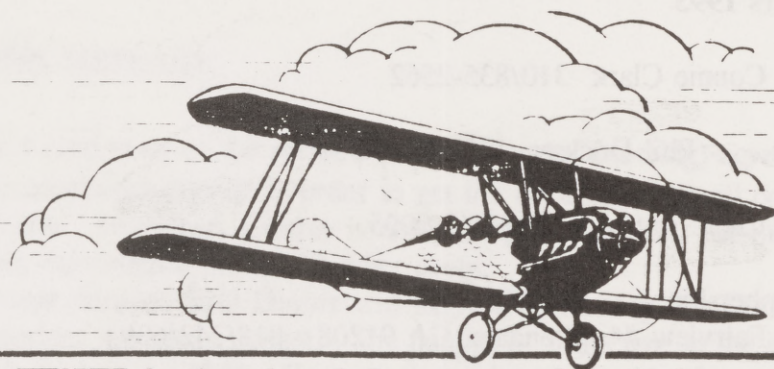
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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Connie and I (and most of the members at the General Meeting) agreed that this should be an abbreviated letter in order to get the information to all concerned as soon as possible. Therefore, Connie is not writing her message for this issue, instead she sends this information for the October event.

Torrance Airport BBQ Dinner will be held on Sunday, October 10 at 5:00 p.m. at Annie and George's hanger. The hanger is in the row at the east end of the field, we believe it to be 2785. You can find it by looking for the crowd. Although most of the food and drinks will be provided, we would like to ask club members to bring a salad or dessert to help out with the food. There will be a charge for dinner of approximately \$5.00 - \$6.00. The Torrance regulars will also be there. If you would like to display your airplane, you need to arrive before 9:00 a.m. (last I heard) and go to the Fairchild Apron - between Curtiss Way and the Great American Aviation Building. The field will re-open at 4:40 p.m. Sunday (5:00 p.m. Saturday)

Please RSVP to Annie 310/791-0554 or Connie Clark at 310/835-2562. ➔

CURRENT EVENTS

Even though Connie has mentioned the BBQ I am highlighting it as I do all current events. I for one am certainly in favor of meeting at some of the local airports for these events. It gives us a chance to meet new people and become familiar with some of the airplanes stuck away in dark corners of hangers. In addition, it gives those of our group that live in the areas further away to be involved. Please mark your calendars for October 10 at 5:00 p.m. This should be an excellent event, see you there. ➔

FROM THE EDITOR

I am still looking for articles, pictures or whatever for publication in the Newsletter. Also, a new year is rapidly approaching, think of your dues as part of one of your New Year's rituals. Also those of you that are still behind, please, please get

renewed. We need you as a member and we need your \$10.00 per year to help defray printing and mailing costs for the letter. Thank you all.✈

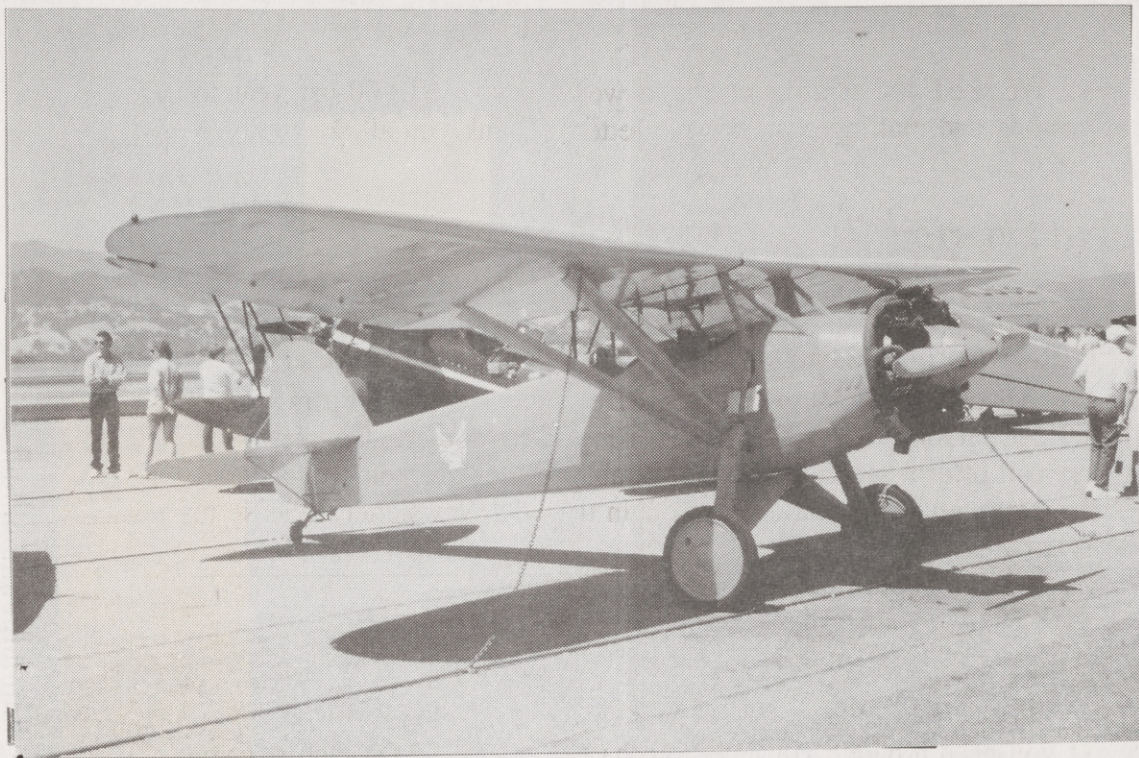
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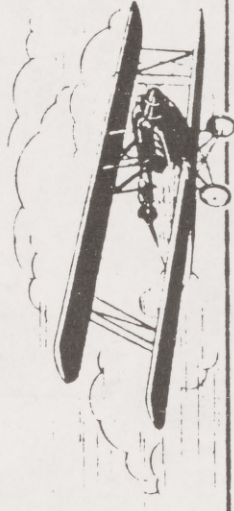
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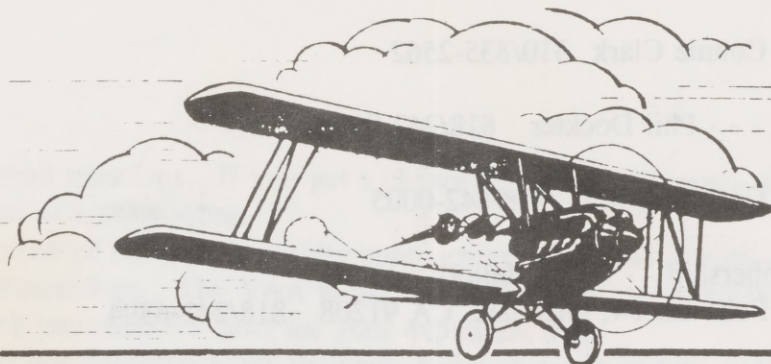
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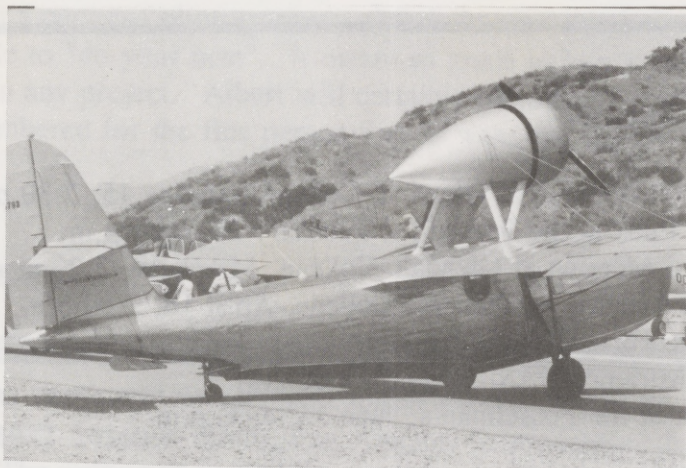
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The end of the year is rapidly approaching, it is time to consider renewing all of those memberships. The VAA is the buy of the year, only \$10.00 for one year. Please check your address label for your expiration date.

I am also pleading again for items and pictures to include in the letter. I am really counting on your help so that the letter will be bigger and better. I enjoy doing this each month but I would like more help in putting it together. ✈

IN MEMORIUM

On October 2nd, on a Cruise Ship out of New Orleans, Albert Bresnick passed on. He and Gabrielle were heading for the Caribbean in celebration of their 5th wedding anniversary. It seems almost a proper place for Albert to leave us, as he was so active and interested in life. He always had such a twinkle in his eye, always enjoying life. Albert was such a talented man. Most of us will remember him as Amelia Earhart's personal photographer. Gabrielle has told us that he was always inspiring people to "do your best". It meant so much to him to always do the best that he could in any project. Albert will certainly be missed by all who knew him, and long remembered for the fine person that he was, and for his beautiful photography.

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Our get-together at the Torrance Air Fair was one great event. If you arrived early enough to walk around the airport there were many interesting airplanes to be seen, including Bob Hoover's P-51 "Ol Yeller". We had approximately 70 people in attendance, with 3 BBQ's turning out chicken, beef and pork ribs. There was food galore, even ice cream to go with all the yummy desserts. We had an unexpected special event thanks to Gene Gast. He arranged for Louis Zamperini to come talk to us briefly, and show 2 videos of US Army WWII Films. Torrance Airport was named for Mr. Zamperini in 1946, and is officially Zamperini Field.

Thanks so much to Annie and George and friends for all their work and the wonderful food. Another thanks to Gene Gast for getting all the tables and chairs for that crowd. If you were not in attendance, you missed a great time.

Our November meeting will also be a special gathering. Ken Brock will be our speaker, and we've heard nothing but raves about his beautiful color slides. We will have the election of officers as well, so be sure to be there or you might find yourself elected to an office.

Be sure you have the Christmas Party on you calendar. It promises to be one with great entertainment, door prizes, good food and good friendship. ✈

CURRENT EVENTS

As Connie has mentioned, our guest speaker for the November meeting will be Ken Brock. His topic will be "Gyroplanes And The Places It Has Taken Us Including Antarctica". Remember, doors open at 7:00 p.m., meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. See you on November 19. ✈

FROM THE EDITOR

I want to echo Connie's statement in her message regarding the Torrance Airport Fair. I have never seen so many beautiful old airplanes in a place other than Oshkosh. Not only the aircraft were beautiful, but the hangars that house many of

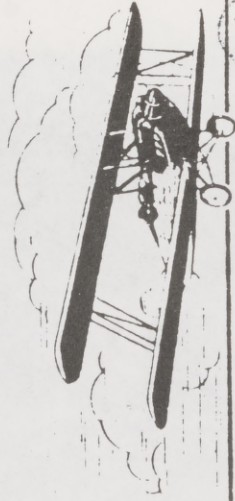
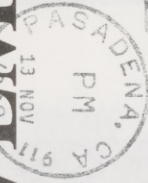
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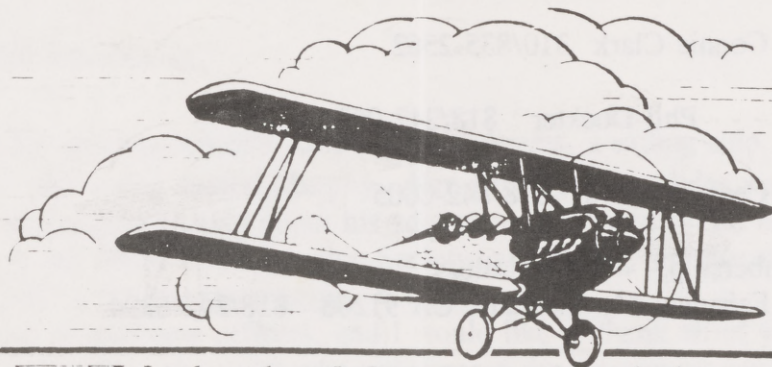
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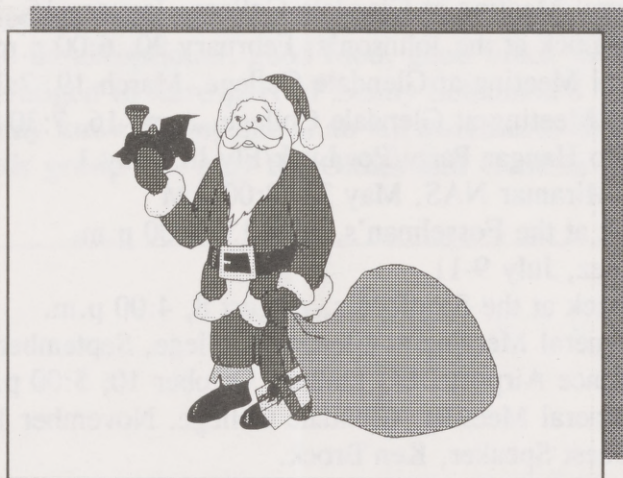
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FROM THE OFFICERS OF THE VAA



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1993 Calendar of Events

January - - - General Meeting at Glendale College, January 15, 7:30 p.m.

February - - - Pot Luck at the Johnson's, February 20, 6:00 p.m.

March - - - General Meeting at Glendale College, March 19, 7:30 p.m.

April - - - General Meeting at Glendale College, April 16, 7:30 p.m.

May - - - Camarillo Hangar Party/Pot Luck/Fly-In, May 1

Tour of Miramar NAS, May 22, 8:00 AM

June - - - Pot Luck at the Fosselman's, June 13, 4:00 p.m.

July - - - Santa Ynez, July 9-11

August - - - Pot Luck at the Stratford's, August 8, 4:00 p.m.

September - - - General Meeting at Glendale College, September 17, 7:30 p.m.

October - - - Torrance Airport BBQ Dinner, October 10, 5:00 p.m.

November - - - General Meeting, Glendale College, November 19, 7:30 p.m.

Guest Speaker, Ken Brock.

December - - - **Christmas Party, December 18, 6:30 p.m. at the Proud Bird Restaurant**

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Our November meeting brought us icebergs, penguins, a sailing ship, gyroplanes and the Antarctic, plus a dog named Murphy. Ken Brock's color slides were magnificent. I know we all enjoyed hearing about his adventures in the Antarctic with his gyroplanes and the National Geographic Society, and asking him questions, questions, questions. Quite a fascinating evening.

We also elected new officers, and I would like to thank all of you who gave your time this past year and those who volunteered for the coming year. Mostly all the same people, once again. We do still need an activities chairman if any of you would like to help out.

The Christmas party is going to be a good one! Read the details and get your check to Bill Mallory or myself ASAP. See you there. ✈

CURRENT EVENTS

Our Christmas Party is shaping up well. If you plan to attend and have not yet sent your check in, you can call Connie Clark or me (Bill Mallory) at 818/242-6394 to confirm, and then give us the check at the party. We must set an absolute deadline of December 15. The party will be at the Proud Bird Restaurant, 11022 Aviation Blvd., Los Angeles (just south of LAX). The party will start at 6:30 p.m. The price is \$22.00 per person.

If you have not attended one of our Christmas Parties you have missed out. This one should be exceptional, good food, good folks, and best of all a **BAND**. We have arranged to have part of Lenny Schaustal's "Swing Shift Band" entertain us. You may know Lenny, he is an Airworthiness Inspector with the Van Nuys FSDO. His group will play the Oldies and Goodies". Hope to see you there. ✈

FROM THE EDITOR

As Connie has mentioned, we elected new officers for the 1994 year. The roster is the same as before with two exceptions, Sture Folkeson is our new Vice President. Thanks Sture for excepting the position. We do not have an Activities Chair now. Justin, you did a great job in 93 and we appreciate it. In the interim, if you have any ideas for speakers, events, etc. call Connie Clark or any officer and we will try to put it together.

I had a nice talk with Dave Davidson and he has given me permission to use any part of his book that I would like for inclusion in the letter. Dave I always enjoy talking with you and thanks for the offer.

Dues are coming in slowly but surely. Remember, \$10.00 per year, due ~~the~~ January of each year (for those joining after January we will pro-rate). Again, I encourage all of us to bring new members into the group. Since I joined VAA I have met some of the very best people one can expect to meet, and best of all they are "airplane people". ✈

NEWS FROM ALL OVER

I am sure that most of you read of the recent passing of two aviation personalities. The first; Erich Hartman, the ranking ace of WWII, and the second; Larry Walters of lawn chair fame (I know you all remember the incident in 1982).

I recently received all four volummes of U.S. Civil Aircraft. This is the revised, reprinted version of the series that has been around for some time. If you are looking for reference material for the aircraft certified from #1 to #400 then you should get the set. ✈

A LITTLE TRIVIA

Try this: Read this sentence - - FINISHED FILES ARE THE RESULT OF YEARS OF SCIENTIFIC STUDY COMBINED WITH THE EXPERIENCE OF YEARS.

Now count aloud the F's in that sentence. Count them **ONLY ONCE**. Don't go back and count them again. You will find the answer elsewhere in the letter.

COMING EVENTS

We will list all of the firm events for the coming year in the next newsletter. ✈

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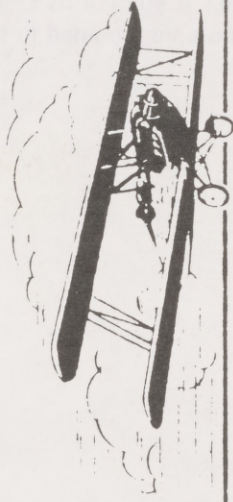
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Answer to trivia.

There are six F's in the sentence. A person of average intelligence finds three of them. If you spotted four you're above average. If you got five, you can turn your nose up at most anybody. If you caught all six, you're a genius and a lot too good to be wasting your time on foolishness like this.

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